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## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY REPEATED OVER RADIO WHAI

The ever popular Christmas Carol Service given annually by the student body of the Northfield School for Girls, assisted by a group of boys from Mt. Hermon, will be heard by transcription over WHAI Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30. This will give the many friends of the schools in Franklin County an opportunity to enjoy this Christmas music, which many were unable to hear at either the Northfield or Mt. Hermon services, because of the limited capacity of the chapel. The conductor was Albert R. Raymond, director of choral music of the Northfield Schools and the organists were Miss Marian Keller, head of the Northfield Music Department and Carlton L. Hommedieu, head of the Mt. Hermon Music Department.

The program, most of which will be included in the broadcast, was as follows: Sing We Noel, XIVth Century French carol, arranged by Harvery Gaul; The Morning Star, Michael Praetorius; And the Glory of the Lord from The Messiah, by George F. Handel; The First Nowell, traditional melody in W. Sandys' Christmas Carols; Sing We Noel Once More, Bas-Quercy carol arranged by David S. Smith; Hark Bethlehem, Polish carol arranged by E. Harold Geer; Today is Born Immanuel, by Michael Praetorius and arranged by Clarence Dickinson; Joseph Came Seeking a Resting Place, by Ernest Willoughby; God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, traditional melody; Bring a Torch, Jeannette.

## Pioneer Valley Drive For 48 Memberships

Committees are already being formed to conduct the membership drive for 1948 of the Pioneer Valley Association. The committees for Northampton and Greenfield have been named and the listing of members for the Northfield committee is in progress. The campaign of solicitation will open at a dinner at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield on Friday evening, Feb. 6 at 6 o'clock, with George V. Wallace, Jr. of Holyoke, presiding. The campaign will wind up at a dinner at the Roger Smith Hotel in Holyoke on Thursday evening, Feb. 19. Local committees will represent some 70 towns and cities in the area and the sum of \$40,000 will be the amount needed. At the meeting of Feb. 19 the annual election of officers will take place and reports given of the year's work.

Isabella, old provencal carol. Bethlehem, Glatz folk song arranged by Clarence Dickinson and Rose Phelps; I Hear Along Our Street, Hugh A. MacKinnon; Silent Night, by Franz Gruber; Cornish Bells, by Tertius Noble; In the Bleak Mid-Winter, Gustav Holst; two selections from A Ceremony of Carols, by Benjamin Britten; Angels O'er the Field, old French folk song arranged by Clarence Dickinson; Adeste Fideles, anonymous; and Pastoral Amen, adapted from George F. Handel.

## Barber Shop Closed

The barber shop in Northfield owned and operated for the past 22 years by Henry J. Glutney has been closed owing to his advanced years. Mr. Glutney is nearly 80 years old and for many years has received the patronage of many citizens and sojourners.

It is hoped that some barber will cast his lot with us and locate here, as the business warrants a barber shop in that part of the town.

## Ford Broadcast

Everyone is invited to listen every Tuesday evening over radio station WKNE at 6:15 p. m. when Spencer Bros., your Ford car, truck, and tractor dealer, present "Riding the Range with Yodelin' Slim." This very popular singing cowboy has made several personal appearances here in Northfield, much to the delight of many, with his singing and yodeling.



## Scholastic Honors At High School

Principal George Leonard of the High School has announced the following list of honor awards for the second marking period. High honor went to Jacqueline Jewett in grade 8 for having obtained an "A" in all subjects. Second honors went to Rosemarie Lavalley and Beverly Bolton of grade 7; Pearl Barber, Annette Clark, Alma Gillespie, Phyllis Hartford and Irene Thompson of grade 8; Faith Fisher, Vera Holton, Janet Mankowsky, Rosemary Mroczek and Virginia Raymond of grade 9; Edgar Parker and June Randall of grade 10; Vera Allen and Mary Ann Wozniak of grade 11; Blanche Duda, Ruth Holton, Julia Ladzinski and Ralph Lyons of grade 12.

## Christmas Decorations

Throughout the town Christmas decorations are being shown and many miniature trees are beautifully decorated with wreaths at front doors and candles in the windows. On the lawn at the Northfield Hotel stands a most attractive lighted tree and on the campus of the School for Girls near Stone hall stands a large pine tree completely covered with colored lights. The tree can be seen from many points of vantage. Be sure to see it.

## Montclair Wedding

Invitations have been received by friends here for the wedding of Miss Janet Knaus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charles Knaus of Montclair, N. J., to Donald Andrew Denison at the Watchung Avenue Congregational Church at Montclair on Saturday evening, Dec. 27. Miss Knaus was a student at the School for Girls and has spent several summers as a guest on the Ridge.

## DEATHS

**CHARLES A. HODGEN**  
Charles A. Hodgen, died at his home on Highland avenue after a brief illness, on Sunday, Dec. 14. He was well known and enjoyed the friendship of many friends. Surviving are his wife, the former Iola Holton of this town; a sister, Mrs. Agnes Saxton of Greenfield; four brothers, George of South Acton; Isaac of Boston; Rev. Herbert J. of Gilbertville and Alexander P. of Greenfield. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Hodgen Funeral Home in Greenfield, with Rev. Robert J. Hodgen officiating, and burial was in the cemetery here.

## GUSTAF WOLF

As we go to press we learn of the death of Gustaf Wolf of this town, at the Franklin County Hospital, Wednesday night. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

## The March of Dimes Taylor Chairman Here

Superintendent of Schools Robert N. Taylor, Union No. 23, has again been appointed district chairman of the annual "March of Dimes" for the towns of Northfield, Gill, Bernardston, Leyden, and Warwick.

The drive will consist of three features: (1) School pupils will canvass homes for dollar memberships. (2) Within the classrooms there will be dime cards. (3) Coin collectors will be put in public places.

It is hoped that the drive will be as successful as last year, which produced the highest collection in the history of the campaigns in these five towns. Last year \$491.10 was collected, and Chairman Taylor hopes to reach the \$500 mark this year.

## Hockey At Norwich

At Norwich University in Northfield, Vt., a squad of 30 hockey enthusiasts will report to the new coach, Gerard Desrosier, who was a former Boston Olympic player, for the forming of a team. In reserve are other candidates which will make it possible for the University to be represented by a splendid selection of players. Among those who are to be given a try-out is John Greenwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Greenwood of this town, who is enrolled as a student at Norwich.

## Oranges from Orlando Coming Our Way

From the large and extensive orchards of Spurgeon Gage at Orlando, Fla., are being shipped daily many bushels of the first selection of tree ripened fruit, including oranges and grapefruit covered with bits of Spanish moss and other incidental greens. Many bushels have already been received by residents of this town and vicinity and many more are coming, including several bushels for use and distribution among our shut-ins and invalids. Mr. Gage writes that he has a very busy season and his total output amounts now to about two tons a day. Many of our summer residents who receive the Press were attracted by the advertisement of Mr. Gage and are sending in their orders. To all readers the Editor urges that orders be forwarded promptly. Mr. Gage, his wife and family, are summer residents of Northfield.

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## Small House Burns Totally Destroyed

A small house of five rooms located off the west side of Winchester road near the former Reed place in the town of Winchester, N. H., and just beyond the Northfield town line, was burned to the ground last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The house was the property of Mr. and Mrs. John Hensel. Mr. Hensel had been visiting his wife, who is in Franklin County Hospital with an infant son. He had his 15 months' old child and when they returned he discovered smoke. Unable to use the telephone, he went to neighbors to call the fire department. While waiting for the latter he was able to save a few possessions, but the house, a small cottage without cellar, was destroyed. The loss was covered partially by insurance. Two trucks from Winchester and one from Northfield responded but the fire was out of control when they arrived.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hensel are veterans of service in the recent war. Mrs. Hensel was in the WAVES and he was in the army.

## CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 21  
10 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.  
11 a. m. Worship. Christmas music directed by Mr. Irving J. Lawrence. Sermon subject, "Christmas Virtues." Nursery for pre-school age children.

5 p. m. Candlelight Service of Music and Pageantry. The pageant directed by Mrs. Willis Parker. The Rev. Stanley G. Sherman will be the reader.

Monday, 6 p. m. Annual Christmas supper and party for the Sunday School. The Cradle Roll party has been merged with this party. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at the church to go for a carol sing.

## Special Christmas Service

A special Christmas service for the faculty and staff of the Northfield School for Girls and for townspeople will be held at 10:30 Christmas morning in Russell Sage Chapel. Dr. Mira B. Wilson, the principal, and Chaplain Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., will conduct the service and the organist will be Wilfred Freeman, who is in charge of music and a member of the faculty of Phillips Andover Academy.

## Town Topics

The swimming classes conducted by the Red Cross each Tuesday evening at the Northfield School for Girls and at Mount Hermon School, will be discontinued during the holiday season. The courses will be resumed on Jan. 13.

Fred P. Janes of Maple street left for Anaheim, Calif., on Wednesday to spend the winter. He will make the journey by train and visit his brother and sister on the West Coast.

## CAUCUS CANDIDATES ARE CHOSEN AT WELL ATTENDED GATHERING OF REPUBLICAN PARTY VOTERS

On Monday evening last, Dec. 15, in town hall, pursuant to a call of the Republican Town Committee signed by William F. Hoehn, chairman and Dorothy L. Miller, secretary, properly posted and published, some 70 members of the organization held their caucus for the nomination of officials to be voted upon at the annual meeting of the town on Monday, Feb. 22.

After the reading of the call by the clerk, the temporary officers were voted the officers of the caucus and Robert Abbott and Mrs. Willis Parker were appointed tellers. Fifty-seven votes were cast by individual ballots in contests, all of which were decided decisively.

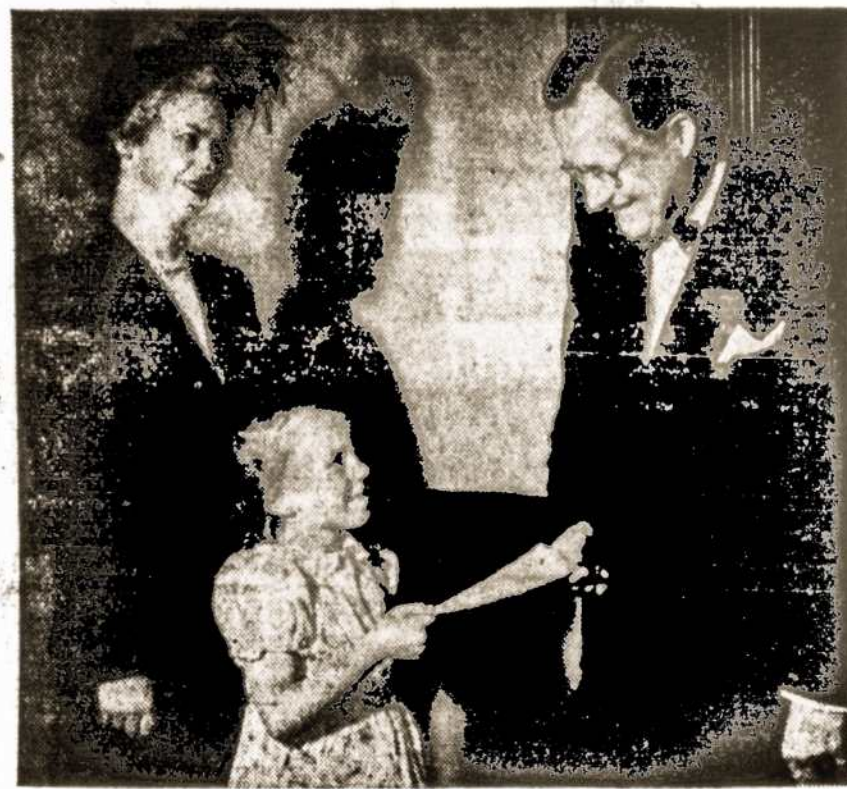
The following are the candidates named for the various offices: Town clerk, Mrs. Josephine S. Haskell; treasurer, Charles F. Slate; selectman, three years, Ernest A. Parker; selectman, two years, George W. Carr; selectman, one year, George H. Sheldon; moderator, George McEwan; tax collector, Charles F. Slate; school committee, Mrs. Glenn Billings; library trustees, Miss C. Ina Merriman and Dr. Robert Bonner Jack; to fill vacancy, Luman A. Barber; assessor, Ernest A. Parker; cemetery com-

missioner, Glenn Billings; tree warden, John F. Field; constables, Joseph Morgan, Martin E. Vorce, Harry M. Haskell and Murray Hammond; planning board, Frank W. Williams.

The committee was empowered by vote to fill any vacancy and the certificate of caucus nominations was filed with the Town Clerk on Tuesday. It is expected that these nominations will receive the full endorsement of our voters.

## Honors At Hermon

Scholastic honors for the second marking period of the year at Mount Hermon school were announced last week and given to the following young men of Northfield: Robert Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Barnes; Ralph W. Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows; Carl A. Frankenberg, son of Mrs. Virginia R. Frankenberg; Clifford P. Holton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Holton; David S. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Powell; E. Lynn Partridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Partridge.



Little Sandra Laporte, aged 8, a member of the Springfield Girls' Club, exchanges a shining smile for a \$13,000 check to finish payment on the club's new building. The Dexter Fund grant was presented by Foster W. Doty, president of Union Trust Co., trustee of the fund, while Mrs. Russell Chase, chairman of the club's building committee, looked on. Fourteen of Springfield's Social Agencies were richer by \$107,878 as they shared the accumulated income, on a benevolent trust established by the late Henrietta F. Dexter in memory of her husband.

Known as the Eugene A. Dexter Charitable Fund, the trust provides that the yearly income on a principal of \$1,629,000 shall be perpetually distributed by the trustees, Union Trust Company of this city, to local social agencies. Annual income is expected to average about \$50,000.

Those agencies benefiting under these initial grants are: Good Shepherd Association, \$10,000; Hampden Council, Boy Scouts of America, \$10,000; Springfield College, \$6,000; Boys' Club, \$6,808; Springfield Day Nursery, \$4,688; Girls' Club, \$13,798; Goodwill Industries, \$10,000; Springfield Hearing League, \$1,200; Springfield Home for Aged Women, \$7,000.

Wessex Memorial Hospital, \$12,000; YWCA, \$14,000; Springfield Dental Society, \$3,967; West Springfield Neighborhood House, \$7,397; and Community School for Nursing Attendants, \$1,000.

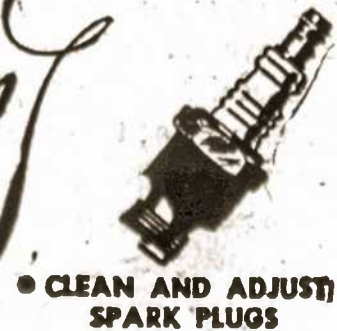
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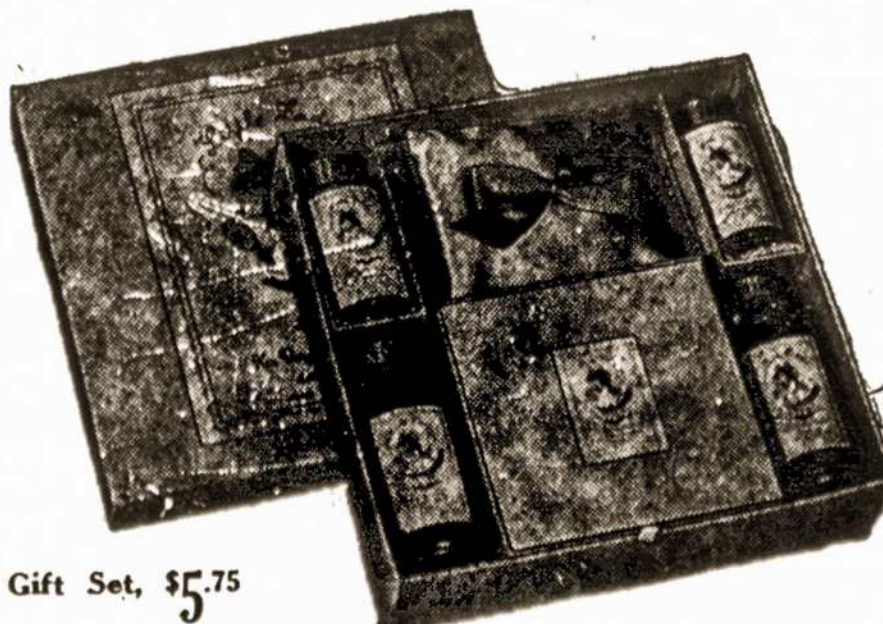
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Pasteur's research was prompted by a desire to protect the wines of France. Sailors complained that on long voyages their wine turned vinegary.

Pasteur would hardly be sympathetic with any one who yawns for the days when milk was five cents a quart but dangerous. Present conditions compared with the past have been vividly summarized by famed Dr. Victor G. Heisey:

"The changes wrought have been swift, but only to the health officer do they appear dramatic. The vanishing of summer complaint has been a great victory. Typhoid has been vastly reduced, septic sore throats proportionately diminishing."

#### How Geysers Perform

Geysers have been defined as hot springs which intermittently eject columns of boiling water and steam. They are found only at places where the internal heat of the earth approaches the surface. The action of the geyser is comparatively simple. Water from the surface or from subterranean sources collects in the bottom of a deep tube-shaped opening in the rocks. This opening which has been enlarged from a crevice by the dissolving action of heated waters charged with sulphur gases, is known as the geyser tube. The water in the bottom of the tube is heated by hot gases rising from below or by contact with heated rock, but because of the weight of the column of cooler water in the tube above, it does not form bubbles of steam although it is heated much above the boiling point. The hot water gradually rises until the entire column of water becomes heated and the water near the surface, which is under less pressure, begins to boil, causing a certain amount of water to overflow the rim of the geyser.

#### Cleaning Your Clock

Generally when a clock stops it needs cleaning and oiling. To clean and oil a clock, you need to take it apart. Take a feather and strip it down until there is a tiny bit of fine material on the small end, then dip this in gasoline or benzine and brush the bearings of the clock slightly, being careful at all times not to damage the hair spring and balance wheel. By using care there is little danger of doing damage to your clock. Never touch the metal parts of your clock with your hand if you can avoid it. If you do so, it means tarnish afterwards. After the benzine, gasoline or naphtha has evaporated use a very light fine oil or mineral oil thinned with kerosene. Moisten the feather with this oil and brush lightly on the bearings.

### Industry Uses Diamonds

#### For Utility, Not Glamour

Highly found uses of diamonds being worked in East and South Africa since early 1944 held a threat and a promise.

Their mild threat is to the stability of prices of the hard and lustrous mineral in which people of the world have an estimated \$1 billion dollar investment. Their promise is for relief of the war-born critical shortage of diamonds for industrial use. About four-fifths by weight of the record-breaking diamond production since 1939 has been sentenced to hard labor.

In grinding armor-plate metals, in drilling oil wells through rock, in cutting glass and polishing fine lenses, in drawing wire to filamentous thinness and countless other uses, the diamond plays a part. It remains unchallenged as the hardest substance devised by nature or by man.

Industry consumes diamonds literally by the ton. United Nations stockpiles were called on in supplying some 50 million carats—11 short tons—of industrial grades to the United States from 1939 through 1944. One manufacturer in 1946 "retired" a quarter-carat stone which had started its industrial career in 1930 weighing 19.31 carats.

#### Dreaded Stomach Cancer

Cancer of the stomach, which strikes fast into the hearts of patients, is the most frequent of all malignant growths. Dr. Owen H. Wagenseen, University of Minnesota, reported recently to American Medical Association. He reports that in the light of present-day knowledge surgery is the only worthwhile treatment for patients with gastric cancer, adding that the most radical surgery with the lowest mortality is the best surgery. Dr. Wagenseen reports that only 6 per cent of the patients whose disease is diagnosed as gastric cancer are alive five years later and that cancer ranks next to cardiac disease as the most frequent cause of death. Of the 150,000 annual deaths from cancer in the United States, approximately 40,000 persons die of gastric cancer. New Hampshire, with an annual cancer mortality rate of 155.4 per 100,000, leads the nation.

#### Many Farmers Fly

National Flying Farmers association is the sole nationwide organization of aviation-minded farmers and ranchers. Only 18 months old, it boasts some 2,700 members in 27 state chapters, stretching from New Jersey to California. An estimated 50 per cent of the members already fly their own craft, while the rest either have plans on order or hope to acquire one in the next few years. Only requirements for membership in the National Flying Farmers are that the applicant hold a private pilot's license and that he—or she—be interested in flying his plane for the furtherance of agriculture.

### India's Punjab Is Looming

#### Of Fighters and Farmers

The vote in partition the Punjab between India's emerging Mohammedan and Hindu states, will separate western and eastern sections of the provinces which long supplied British India with a large share of wartime manpower and food production.

Among the Punjab's famous fighting men, whose ancestors fought the British and were immortalized in Kipling's border tales, are the tall bearded Sikhs, notes National Geographic society. In turban and khaki, many of them served as volunteers on the far-flung fronts of World War II.

Wheat is the outstanding crop of the northwest India plains that make up most of the Punjab area. Aided by life-giving irrigation, the "Land of Five Rivers" also contributes such breadbasket items as millet, rice, corn, and sugar cane, along with cotton and oil seeds.

More than half of the Punjab's 20 million people are small farmers. Under the blue skies of their dry, sunny land, they cluster in villages and towns, after a custom developed long ago for protection against raiding tribes from the north.

The mud and wattle huts of the peasants are usually thatched for rain nearly everywhere in the Punjab is slight and uncertain. Although the climate often is stimulating, the summers are blisteringly hot, the winters freezing.

### Hot Water Requirements

#### Of All Homes Increased

Installation of automatic laundry machines and greater use of electric dishwashers, bathtubs and showerbaths has stepped up demand for hot water.

The matter of providing for adequate supply and dependable supply of hot water should have due consideration in making plans for a new house or remodeling the old one. The following summary of hot water requirements should be considered, points out the Plumbing and Heating Industries bureau.

Automatic laundry machines require from 20 to 30 gallons of hot water in a period of one-half to one hour.

Many automatic dishwashers require hot water at a rate of from 1½ to 2 gallons per minute, or 10 gallons per load.

Minimum requirements of water at 140 degrees for ordinary tasks are: Tub bath, 15 gallons; shower bath, 3 gallons per minute; laundry washing machine, non-automatic, 13 gallons; rinse, 6 gallons, and dishes, manually, 3 gallons.

Thus the selection of a heater with adequate capacity is vital to the proper and efficient operation of labor-saving water-consuming appliances. Most manufacturers of automatic washers report that in a very high percentage of cases, customer dissatisfaction may be traced to an inadequate supply of hot water.

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### Early Greeks Made First Bedsprings From Leather

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Strangely enough, these leather "springs" were not used later and the large, ornate beds of the Middle Ages had little to offer as an invitation to a good night's sleep with their solid board bottoms over which straw, feather and flock mattresses were piled in an effort to provide some comfort for weary bones. During the Renaissance, "springs" once more were used in beds, this time in the form of a network of ropes.

In America, the early pioneers, as they raised their log cabins, built beds which used two walls of the cabin as part of the framework. Across these log frames they stretched leather thongs over which hides and mattresses were placed. From hides it was only a step to cording laced back and forth across the bed frame and finally, in the middle 19th century, James Liddy of Watertown, N. Y., made the first coil bedspring with coils from the seat of a buggy. After World War I the boxspring was introduced and began to grow rapidly in popularity. Improvements have been made constantly since that time in the tempering of the wire and in coil design.

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### Trend to Smaller Families

**Indicates Housing Problem**  
Families are getting smaller and the general population is growing older. These two trends are posing new problems for city planners, according to the Association of State Planning and Development Agencies.

In Cincinnati, for example, metropolitan studies indicate that the average household size will decrease from 3.3 persons in 1940 to 2.9 persons in 1970. This factor alone, broadly representative of the trend throughout the United States, is expected to increase Cincinnati's housing needs 14 per cent.

Even if Cincinnati's population did not grow during this period, the decrease in family size would make necessary an additional 31,000 dwelling units. The pressure for more dwelling units in big cities, planners say, will give added impetus to the "flight to the suburbs" of city residents.

This in turn will call for extended and more expensive police, fire, sewer and other municipal services. Another related problem is indicated by the fact that small families use more water per person than big families.

Because of increasing longevity, the number of persons in the United States over 60 years of age is expected to increase 300 per cent between 1920 and 1975. This implies increased political power among older people, and therefore increased demands for social security, including old-age insurance.

Travel is expected to increase and there will be a strong tendency toward regional population shifts as the older persons move to areas with mild winter climates. Older northern cities will be particularly vulnerable to this interregional migration.

### Aid to Contractors

A new tool has been developed for the benefit of contractors and engineers, namely weather forecasting. Accurate forecast methods have made it possible to employ weather changes to an advantage instead of taking what the elements have to offer from day to day. Research started during the war is beginning to pay large dividends in the form of better weather forecasts for construction and other outdoor activities. Climatology enables the engineer to forecast accurately the changes in the season. Industrial climatology has been set up by the U. S. weather bureau, to obtain for the contractor, the engineer and others with special weather needs the future of the seasons.

### Can You Spare a Dime?

Think twice before tossing coins to the shabby man who bleats, "Brother, can you spare a dime?" This is the advice of American Public Welfare association, who found that in North Carolina some panhandlers are making \$4,000 a year. The study was conducted by a state committee and served as ground-work for a strict new law requiring beggars who ply their trade in North Carolina to have solicitations licenses. Most of the beggars interviewed admitted making no more than \$25 a week. One man said his panhandling netted an average of about \$15 a day. The incomes of several others, who own property in the state, were estimated to be at least \$4,000 a year.

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 2nd

### TOWN TOPICS

The reading room of Dickinson Memorial Library presents a cheerful and attractive appearance with its Christmas decorations of evergreens and red candles. Special books suitable for reading during the holiday season are also on display. The children's room displays a collection of printed reminders of Christmas arranged by Mrs. Martin E. Voros.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton expect to spend the holiday season in Washington and will visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton at Silver Springs, Md.

Miss Kay Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, who is attending Vassar College, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents here at the hotel.

Mrs. Maud Montague of Main street has returned from a recent visit with her sister in New York. Several members of the local Eastern Star Chapter visited the Eastern Star Home "open house" at Orange last Sunday.

Dr. A. B. True of Main street has been making extensive alterations and repairs to his home and office recently. The house appears much improved with its white paint finished last fall and the interior is now being painted. Last week painters with a "blow torch" accidentally set fire to some wood-work but it was quickly extinguished.

Mrs. Charlotte Rayman, located at the Northfield Hotel and whose advertising appears in the Press, is quite busy these days caring for her patrons. With the holidays just ahead the women are preparing to look their best, and hair care does it.

The December issue of the Northfield Schools Bulletin is a most attractive Christmas greeting, a work of the printer's art. It contains a picture of the campus, the hill where Mr. Moody is buried, a calendar for 1948 and a list of coming events.

Gustav Wolf, artist and teacher, who has an apartment in the Book-store building, became suddenly seriously ill last week and was removed to the Franklin County Hospital. He is reported as improving.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed of this town with Miss Edith Goodspeed of Newton are leaving for a holiday visit with Miss Goodspeed's brothers and family at Elyria, Ohio and Detroit, Mich. With wife and sister enroute, Mr. Goodspeed will be at home to keep the home-fires burning.

The local Book Club were guests at the home of Mrs. Walter H. Hyde on North Lane last Monday noon. Mrs. Allen H. Wright was associate hostess.

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange which met in the town hall at Whately on Wednesday, Dec. 10, was presided over by Lewis Shine of Northfield, its president. A large number of members from this town attend the session. The next meeting will be with Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield on Monday evening, Jan. 26.

Rev. W. J. Denton, at one time pastor of the Advent Christian Church in South Vernon, died at his home in Chelsea Tuesday, Dec. 9. He was a director of the Vernon Home here and has been active in many efforts of his denomination. After funeral services in Boston, burial followed in Plainville, Conn. His wife survives.

The Selectmen will meet next Tuesday evening at the town hall and all bills owing must be in their hands by that time for inclusion in this year's business.

The Registrars of the town will sit at the town hall on Jan. 5 and Jan. 13 and new citizens may enroll on those dates if they desire to vote at the annual town meeting.

So many changes have taken place in real estate ownership of this community that the booklet of Valuations of 1946 has already become obsolete and many feel that it should be re-issued for 1948 instead of its delay to 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miner and children of Manchester, Conn., were recent weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kenneth Leach at the Farms.

Mrs. Winfred Whitaker of Main street, who has been very ill for several weeks and at the hospital, is now at her home and able to be about again, greeting her many friends.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be a Christmas party to be held at Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23 at 8 o'clock. Members are asked to bring an exchange present. The program will be in charge of the men officers.

At the Pomona Grange meeting in Whately on the evening of Dec. 10 there were 20 members from Northfield in attendance.

All boards and officials of the town must have their reports for the year 1947 completed by Jan. 6 and ready for publication. They should be brief but complete. Difficulties are being experienced in securing the publication as printers must have more time to do the job in order to secure delivery of the same during the week previous to the town meeting.

Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler has returned to her home on Birnam road after several weeks spent at Croton Falls, N. Y. She will resume her duties as minister of the local Unitarian Church.

The Christmas party of the Friendly class of the Congregational Church was held at "Kenholsme" on Highland avenue last Monday evening, and all enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

Rosa L. Spencer of Spencer Bros. local representatives for Ford cars, was in Boston on Monday at the Massachusetts State Guard Armory attending a preview of the 1948 Ford trucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Domenic de Amicis and daughter are now residing in Cambridge, and the furniture of the house was removed by vans this

week to their new home. Mr. de Amicis was recently transferred in his work from California to Massachusetts.

Mrs. Charles Chapin of Deerfield, the former Jean Gabel of this town, is at the Farren Memorial Hospital, recovering from an operation.

J. William Wilde of this town is at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, recovering from an operation since last Friday.

The students at Mt. Hermon School for Boys left Dec. 17 for their Christmas vacation, and will return Jan. 6. Christmas vacation at Northfield School for Girls began Dec. 18 and will come to a

close Jan. 7.

The last card party arranged by the Orange at their hall will be Monday evening, Jan. 6, when a large attendance will be expected at this popular affair.

The Farms Community Club No. 4 school district will hold a Christmas party Tuesday evening, Dec. 23 at 8 o'clock. All in the community are invited to attend.

Railroad fares on the New Haven railroad will increase 15 per cent this month, and that means a larger fare for those going to and back from New York.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bayles of South Vernon at the Brattleboro Memorial

Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 6. Her name is Barbara Esther, and she is a grand-daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Spaulding of the Vernon Home.

Dr. H. M. Kemp of Greenfield was recently appointed as medical examiner of this district, and now Dr. Henry A. Rys of Turners Falls has been chosen as associate examiner. The appointments were made by the Governor.

The young son, John W. Bennett, 3rd, of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Bennett, of the Farms, recently underwent an operation at Farren Memorial Hospital. The lad is a grandson of Mrs. A. F. Bennett of this town.

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## EDITORIAL

The sole threat to the peace of the world lies in the deterioration in relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, and the inability of these two powers to reconcile their policies.

That problem will not be solved by "tough talk"—nor by implications that we can be just as war-like as Russia. And it will not be solved by building up, among our own people, an almost pathological fear of Russia.

Within their limitations, the Soviet leaders are realists. They are impressed by deeds—not by words. And that is true of all the European countries which sooner or later will have to make a choice between a totalitarian government and some form of democratic government. The influence and prestige of the United States will grow in direct proportion to what we do rather than what we say.

We must, of course, maintain our military strength. We must also show by demonstration that our system can out-produce any other system. We must prove beyond the shadow of a doubt, our faith in free enterprise at home before we hope to "sell" the merits of free enterprise abroad. We must deal with all powers, Russia included, with dignity and confidence. That is the only possible road to a peaceful solution of world problems.

### Town Topics

A son, Donald Raymond, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Miller at the Franklin County Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 10. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rose of Sunderland and of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayberry of Mountain Park have closed their home here and are at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayberry at Mount Hermon. Mrs. Mayberry has been at the Franklin County Hospital for treatment and is showing much improvement now.

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### Benadryl Gives Prompt

#### Aid to Hives Sufferers

Benadryl, a drug which inhibits the action of histamine, a poison released by the tissues in allergic reactions, is highly effective in the treatment of certain diseases of the skin, such as hives. Mayo clinic physicians reported by American Medical Association.

Mayo physicians prescribed benadryl to be taken by mouth every three to four hours for patients who had acute hives. The majority were completely relieved in from one to two days.

The physicians state that when benadryl is administered relief from the intense itching usually occurs in 20 to 60 minutes, with reduction of the swelling in from two to six hours. However, relief is obtained only while the drug is being used.

Another group of 75 patients with chronic hives, which may last for many years, were treated with the drug with the following results: 48 were entirely relieved while they were taking benadryl, 17 were partially relieved and 10 obtained no benefit.

There have been a great number and variety of treatments tried but no single one has been of consistent benefit to patients who have hives chronically. The physicians reported that benadryl has given striking relief to most of the patients who may be wholly or partially incapacitated because of intense itching, insomnia and disfigurement.

### Texas Soon May Become

#### Silk Capital of World

The combination of an idea and a machine may move the world's silk center from the Far East to Mineral Wells, Tex. The idea came from the invention of a machine by Gustaf Beckman.

The machine is an electronic reeling machine which does the job so economically that American labor can spin more and cheaper silk off cocoons in a few hours than several Japanese can spin in days. The Texas industry will be able to turn out an estimated 100,000 pounds of raw silk yearly.

In order to raise cocoons it is necessary to have mulberry trees. It has been proven that the mulberry trees will grow profitably in Texas. Texans now say that they will drive Japan out of the world silk markets the way Japan drove out previous competitors—by offering silk at lower prices.

Silk also can be produced in California. A survey by University of California reveals that the climate of California is even more favorable to silk production than that of Japan. California could raise three crops a year—contrasted with Japan's one, and California silk is said to be of better quality.

### Filtered Orange Juice

#### Will Maintain Flavor

Much of the off-flavor that develops in processed orange juice, especially when stored in glass at room temperature, comes from fatty material in the juice that is not removed in the processing, according to the experiments of the department of agriculture.

Filtered juice develops some off-flavor, but not as much as the unfiltered. Peel oil may mask off-flavor, but it is responsible for little if any of it. Cool storage prevents most of the injury to flavor in these juices.

Orange juice concentrates when reconstituted and juice pressed from peeled fruits develop about as much off-flavor as other forms of orange juice. The essence of the juice and what chemists call as the water soluble esters have little or no effect in development of off-flavor.

Peel oil has little to do with development of off-flavors, because orange juice with very low content of peel oil has a flat, insipid flavor after pasteurization. Presence of some peel oil is essential for good flavor, these experiments show.

None of the experimental packs showed a serious change in flavor when stored, cool—at 40 degrees—for one year, but samples stored at 80 degrees were darker than those at 40 degrees after only three months, and a flavor change was noticed in every case. Samples with a peel oil content high enough to mask off-flavor tasted best after long storage. Filtering out the suspended matter largely prevents development of off-flavor during storage at room temperature.

### Lowly Corncob Utilized

#### In Nylon Manufacture

Even the corn cob is finding its place in the synthetic world, point out Purdue university specialists. Along with cotton-seed hulls, bran of oats and rice, corn cobs are being used in the making of nylon.

The cobs, hulls and other cellulosic materials are sources of a chemical known as furalur. Approximately 200 million pounds of cobs or other agricultural by-products are needed to supply the maximum amount of furalur for only one company.

In the making of nylon, the hulls or cobs are pressure cooked in a weak acid, followed by a complicated purification process. This is followed by exacting and complicated processing to produce nylon "salt." From this "salt," nylon yarn is manufactured.

This new process provides a replaceable source for one of the basic chemicals needed for nylon. Twelve years of study and about one million dollars were used before experimentation on the new process was completed.

### Lactose Offered as Aiding

#### Health of Farm Poultry

Lactose (milk sugar) is important in poultry feeds because it favors development of "friendly bacteria" in the intestines and this helps provide good intestinal health.

Because of this and the flushing effect it produces when fed in larger quantities, dried cheese whey (rich in lactose) long has been used in preparing flushing mash. These mashes are an aid in the control of coccidiosis when proper sanitary practices are followed. Flushing mashes are prepared by mixing dried cheese whey into the mash at the rate of 25 per cent of the total feed mixture. This is fed for a period of four to seven days. It is recommended that a feeding of the flushing mash be repeated one day every three weeks throughout the chick growing period.

When mixed in mashes at recommended levels for normal feeding dried cheese whey helps maintain healthy elimination without a flushing effect. The maintenance of a "friendly bacteria" in the intestines, aided by lactose, also favors assimilation of minerals in the ration, especially calcium and phosphorus.

For normal feeding, dried cheese whey is recommended at 7 1/2 per cent in starting mashes, 5 per cent in growing and broiler mashes and 2 1/2 per cent in laying mashes. Authorities claim that less than these percentages do not provide sufficient whey nutrients for maximum

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